

Historical Houses - NAMED, A-L

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**CAPT.
GERSHOM BRADFORD
1808**



"On December 14, 1807 in the log book of the Brig MERCURY, Boston for Alicante, Spain; 47 days out and 2 days sail from Cape St. Vincent, Captain Gershom Bradford entered the following remarks: "Course S by W; Wind ESE, straight on end; good weather; lat by observation 36 deg. 00 N. Last night at work about our intended house at Duxbury."

"The result of this work is the Bradford Homestead on Tremont Street. This house is not really old for Duxbury nor is it in any way elaborate, but in the parlor and hall there is some interesting hand-wrought moulding. The hall is the outstanding feature of the house, being comfortably wide and running from the front door through to another at the back, making a cool spot on hot summer days (also in winter). Formerly the ell terminated in a good-sized barn, which by 1893 had so deteriorated it was torn down and the present addition constructed. Otherwise the house is much as it was when first occupied by my great-grandfather."

So wrote that great-grandson, another Gershom Bradford, in YONDER IS THE SEA. He and his brother Edward insured the preservation of their family homestead when they entrusted it to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. The Captain Gershom Bradford house now stands by the highway just as it did in 1808, a family homestead that has sheltered four generations of a notable family.

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